HEPIALIDÆ

Phassus triangularis Edwards

Head rounded, spherical, the mouth opening circular; wrinkled-corrugated, black. Body dark red-brown, coarsely annulate, with pale luteous, contrasting, elevated areas: Cervical shield very large, red-brown, the lateral area of joint 2 elevated about the spiracle; joints 3 and 4 with two transverse areas, the anterior one lunate, reaching the lateral area, the posterior one running down to the subventral folds, which are touched with the elevated color; on joints 5–12, anterior area an elliptical dorsal saddle, posterior area a narrow line, broken into little spots; three lateral spots—one above the spiracle, one before, and one behind—and one long subventral area of the pale color. Crochets of the feet in a complete ellipse, pointed on the inner side, the crochets of equal length. Feet surrounded by a ring of pale color.

Misantla, Vera Cruz, Mexico (W. Gugelmann).

A NEW PYRALID FROM CALIFORNIA

(Lepidoptera, Pyralidæ) By HARRISON G. DYAR

Noctuelia minima, new species.

Head and thorax above dark brown-gray; a white line above the eye; palpi with white scales intermixed. Abdomen gray, with white scales toward the apices of the segments, becoming scattered and predominant posteriorly. Fore wing with the basal and terminal spaces dark olive gray, uniform; median space broadly white with a central olive shading, which is broken through the middle; the white area is bordered by black lines, the inner line bulging in the middle and excised on vein 1, the outer line broadly waved, incurved on submedian space. There is a tint of brown to the olive-gray areas that disappears under a lens. Hind wing white, without dark border or any dark shade whatsoever. Expanse, 8 mm.

Type, male, No. 21549, U. S. Nat. Mus.; Pasadena, California, April 30, 1909 (F. Grinnell, Jr.).